

*Abstract of the Disclosure:*

A supportive addition to reference application 09/225,229 where alternative air distribution devices are used to connect multiple bores in cored oak slabs used for the aging of wine. Example configurations are shown including manifolds, air loops or air caps, all of suitable food grade materials. The disclosure also describes a voided out oak slab which does not rely on bores to bring air to the interior of the oak slab and an oak slab that has transverse slots to increase oak surface in contact with wine.